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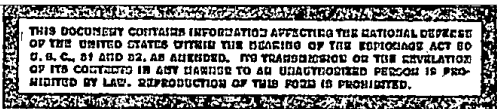
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1. General Inspector Heinz Hoffmann*, who has been head of the Hauptabteilung Polit/Kultur in the Hauptverwaltung für Volkspolizei and first deputy to Kurt Fischer, has been appointed chief of the Hauptverwaltung für Ausbildung as successor to Wilhelm Zaisser. The appointment was kept secret until 25 April, when Zaisser introduced Hoffmann to the former acting chief, Zorn; Hoffmann took office on the following day.
 2. It is alleged that Zaisser occupied a post in the Central Secretariat of the SED equal to that of Walter Ulbricht, and that he has relieved Ulbricht of the greater part of the responsibility for routine party decisions. 50X1-HUM
 3. The May Day celebration in Berlin is to be attended by the personnel of all Berlin units and offices of the HVA. They have devoted a good deal of time during April to drill in marching in rows of twelve, to ensure perfection in the May Day parade. It had been planned that subordinate offices and units throughout the Russian Zone should also send delegations to the celebration, and elaborate instructions had been issued for transportation and housing. This plan has been canceled, however, on direct orders from the Central Secretariat of the SED, which is reported to be apprehensive lest an ostentatious display of military power might cause political repercussions.
- * Field Comment: Hoffmann is a member of the Kleines Sekretariat of the SED organization for Berlin. 50X1-HUM

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